WHO HAS BORNE THE BATTLE, AND FOR HIS WIDOW AND ORPHANS."

How One-Third of the Union's Area was Saved.

THE TEXAS COLUMN

The Colorado Troops in Colorado and New Mexico.

GLORIETA.

Valverde, Apache Canyon, Peralta and Sand Creek.

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OLORADO at the outbreak of the war had no mail communication with the mand. states, except by stages. An ordinary journey from the Missouri River to Denver required from 30 to 60 days. Its population was from all sec-

the Union, and at least one-third thereof was in favor of secession. In the Summer of 1861 a body of men who had been formerly residents of Kansas, were en route back there, intending to offer their services to their old commander, Gen.

"Jim" Lane. The writer was one of that When we arrived at Denver, Gov. Gilpin prevailed upon us to enlist in the 1st Colo., assuring us that he would make ours a cavalry company; the rest of the regiment being infantry. We mustered-in as Co. F, and, according to the Governor's promise, was equipped as cavalry.

Rumors of a Texan army advancing north were current, and our company was assigned to duty at Fort Lyon, on the Arkansas River about 250 miles southeast of Denver.

On the 2d of March, 1862, a courier arrived with news of the battle of Valverde, near Fort Craig, N. M., reporting the enemy victorious. The following account of that battle was given me by men who took part therein:

Gen. Sibley had slowly advanced from forts surrendering without a fight. Gen. Canby knowing that the enemy had cannon and could easily destroy Fort Craig, deter-

BISK A BATTLE and check the rebel advance into New

two regiments were composed of native Mex- left 16 killed, 30 wounded and 80 prisoners. icans and commanded, respectively, by Col. Kit Carson and Col. Pino. Three bundred

side; a table mountain concealing them from pany, while breaking a gun killed himself. observation from Fort Craig, which is on the west side. On the preceding day Canby from getting water.

Two companies of Texan lancers (about 160 | ward. men) charged this company, but were repulsed with terrible loss, only three men with Cos. I and D on our right, made a escaping unburt, and 42 dead horses remain- charge upon a battery. But we were uning on the field.

then only 700 men had been engaged on our | Co. I of 15 killed and 15 wounded. The adside, when the enemy brought their artil- vance was then ordered back, and we dislery into play. At the same time Roberts | mounted behind Pigeon's Ranch, which was received reinforcements. McRae's battery occupied as a hospital, and advanced on crossed to the east side, with infantry and foot.

Lieut. Hall's battery of the 24-pound ment, but solid shot through the adobe wall howitzers was placed so as to rake an old soon drove us out to the ridge. river bed. The enemy's object being to From our new position we could see the noise that our approach was not discovered. base of supplies. charge and capture our artillery, Col. Greene, enemy plainly, although the country was "Paddy Graydon," Captain of a company of Col. Scurry and Maj. Lockridge called for well timbered; their artillery was about scouts, went into Peralta and found the Texvolunteers from the Texans, and 1,500 of 1,000 yards from us, and their infantry only ans enjoying themselves at fandangos. He Paraje, guarded by only one company of them gathered in this old river bed. The about 300 yards distant, in a ravine. The also reported much confusion among them, Regulars, 10 miles from Craig, and on the rebel infantry and cavalry rushed pell-mell infantry showed their heads only when fir- their trains having not yet arrived. Col. opposite side of the river; 300 infantry and upon Hall's battery, but they were

REPULSED BY A STORM OF BULLETS. ering McRae and killing or wounding one- the fusilade. third of his men.

McRae's guns, demanded a surrender. Mc- were far superior to ours, they commenced sides. Paddy Graydon with his company night. Then two Regulars attempted to re-Rae answered by ordering his men to fire. closing in, and we had to fall back half a made a dash into the town and back. At the same instant both officers fell dead. mile, leaving the Ranch in their possession. Our coffee was about ready when a Texan | them and they were drowned. The Regu-

charge at Canby's command, but wheeled perted the loss of all their wagons and sup- mounted 300 yards from the train, leaving cut-off, called "Jornada del Muerto" (Jourand fled, while the Mexican volunteers, plies, and seized with a panic, stampeded across the river, and many were drowned.

federate States Government there.

poor fellows ride.

enemy, or else the Texans might extend were exchanged. their victorious sway over the whole Rocky | The command then moved back to Kos-Mountain ranges. We knew that we could losky's Ranch for water, and had not been find there any number of good Springfield | there long when the enemy sent a flag of muskets, which had been sent to the fort by truce, asking a cessation of hostilities for Floyd for the use of the rebels.

March 10 we marched 54 miles (400 of the granted. infantry marching and the rest being in wagons), and the next day we reached Fort | circuitous trail with instructions to attack

Col. Slough, of our regiment, was in com- stroyed the enemy's supply train of 70 wagons,

of cavalry, with 150 U. S. cavalry, left San | reason did not attack. Jose at sundown, and reached Koslosky's Ranch at 10:30 p. m. Lieut. Nelson and 20 ately, as they had no supplies.



men of our company were out on picket and came in next day at sunrise with four prisoners. One of them, McIntyre, was on Canby's staff at the battle of Valverde.

THE BATTLE OF APACHE CANYON. Our advance of about 400 men moved forward, and the pickets soon returned, reporting the enemy near. A shot from a howitzer caused Capt, Howland's company (U.S. cav- If this timely blow had not been struck to Texas with over 4,000 men, the different alry) to fall back in confusion, leaving our check their growing forces, the whole Rocky

company in the road. Maj. Chivington, then in command of the advance, rode up and asked our Captain if we would charge. While the rest of the forces were deployed on either side, our company charged by fours right and swept down the canyon. The enemy were con- would have been wrested from the Union. Canby's force consisted of the 5th, 7th and | cealed behind rocks, but the impetuosity of 10th U.S. Inf.; Co. A, 2d Colo., and two regi- our charge drove them out. Having fleet ments of New Mexico volunteers. These last | horses, they escaped with the howitzer, but

Our company's loss in this engagement was three killed and six wounded. Total dragoons, under Capit Lord, completed the loss on our side, five killed, 13 wounded force, which numbered, in all, about 3,600 and three missing. Capt. Cook, of our company, was wounded by a ball and three

GLORIETA, OR PIGEON'S RANCH. had sent Col. Roberts up the river with a command came up, and the next day at 8 a. battalien of infantry and two batteries (two m. moved forward. Col. Slough sent Maj. 24-pound howitzers, three 6-pound howitz- Chivington with 430 men by a mountain them back to the hills, thus preventing them Ranch, our company in advance. Our pick- fires were allowed, and the enemy's mules ets came back running, and reported a large Co. A of the 2d Colo, was on the left. force of the enemy near and moving for-

Our company advanced 200 yards, and, supported and driven back, with a loss to The battle had lasted but one hour, and Co. D of 16 killed and 19 wounded, and to

cavalry in the rear under the river banks. | Col. Slough rode up to the head of our Lieut. Hall's battery was stationed 400 yards | company, when Lieut. Nelson asked him: to the right of McRae's, with Kit Carson's | "Where in - do you want us?" The regiment of Mexican volunteers for support. | Colonel directed us to occupy an adobe At 1 p. m. Gen. Canby arrived and ordered | corral near the Ranch, and if it became too an advance. McRae's battery moved for- hot there, then to fall back to a rocky ridge ward, with all the infantry and cavalry, ex- on the right of the Ranch. We dashed into cept the Mexican volunteers, to support it. the corral with other companies of our regi-

ing, but we banged away with our carbines | Chivington offered to capture the town with | 40 of our company were sent down immeat everything in sight. Some of the boys the 1st Colo. alone, but Canby said it was not diately. At the ford, seven miles from Fort At the same time the remainder of the Texan | were so tired and exhausted from want of | wise to make a night attack. cavalry charged McRae's battery, everpow- food and rest that they went to sleep during

Capt. Bascom, in command of 100 men of Our line of battle was again formed, and train of seven wagons was seen approaching lars, in crossing, lost three more men out of the 7th Inf., failed to give the order to fire | word was passed that the enemy were going | Peralta. Our company, then composed of five in one boatload. The next day we adto charge our bettery. Their rear-guard, as only 33 men, was ordered to capture it. We vanced to Paraje and found that the enemy Capt. Lord and his dragoons refused to we afterward learned, had come up and re- left our coffee and galloped away. We dis- had left. Paraje is at the upper end of a

The enemy lost in this battle 200 men command of Capt. Ritter, and four 12-pound shot. The escort with the train, consisting July 23 a command under Col. M. S. Howe, killed and wounded and 500 horses. Our mountain howitzers, under Capt. Classin, of one Lieutenant and 35 men, gave us a consisting of eight companies of the 5th U loss amounted to 64 killed and 100 wounded. both of the Regular Army. Two companies | warm reception, but we did not give them a | S. Inf., five companies of the 1st Colo., and Over 40 per cent. of Co. A, 2d Colo., were of the 1st Colo. were placed behind the bat- chance to unfasten the howitzer they had four batteries, passed by with a supply train tery. The Regular cavalry was stationed in with them. They were in rear of the wagons, of over 200 wagons for the California troops The enemy did not follow our forces, and thick brush on the left, and our company and some of them took position behind an who had come overland through Arizona. as Fort Craig was at the south end of the still farther to the left in a road and open adobe wall that stood about 50 feet off. Be- Our company was sent in advance, but on

and entered Santa Fe, establishing a Con- non, and the rest of their forces advanced 60 yards, occasionally stopping and lying our cavalry company, Capt. Updegraff, beon either side. Three men of our company down to fire. At this point one of our men, On the 4th of March our company, with (I being one of them) took position 50 feet | Hawley by name, was mortally wounded. all the available force at Fort Lyon, left for in advance of the company. The enemy | Lieut. Nelson, standing erect, ordered us to | Denver and from thence to Washington, New Mexico, and on the 7th we reached came within 50 feet of our batteries, and on charge. Not a man moved. "Are you men? Purgatoire River, where our regiment had | the right a hand-to-hand fight occurred, but | Are you soldiers? Charge on those wagons," already arrived from Denver. Our force the enemy were repulsed. Our company cried out the brave Lieutenant. then numbered 700 men. Many of the in- advanced 100 yards, but was recalled, and fantry were crimsoning the snow with their the command fell back. During the fight at | Pierce, one of our boys (afterward killed at | bleeding feet, and we dismounted to let the this time two of our men who had been to the battle of Sand Creek), remarked: "I The whole force being unarmed, with the 100 men were skulking. After crossing a forward. There was only one coward among

18 hours to bury the dead. The truce was

Maj. Chivington, who had been sent by a the enemy in the rear when he should hear March 22 we started south, our force, in- our guns, returned with his men after dark, cluding Regulars, numbering 1,300 men. and reported that they had captured and despiked a cannon and driven off the rear-March 25 the advance, composed of 180 guard without losing a man; but they were infantry of the 1st Colo. and our company | too far away to hear our guns, and for that

The enemy commenced to retreat immedi-

Our loss was 134 killed, wounded and missing. The enemy lost 281 killed, 200 wounded and 100 prisoners. From 1,800 to 2,200 men, under command of Col. W. R. Scurry, were engaged in this battle on the enemy's side. Sibley was 20 miles away.

March 29 the enemy asked for an extension of the truce, which was granted. On the same day Slough received dispatches from Canby, commanding in New Mexico, ordering him back to Fort Union, and not to bring on a general engagement with the enemy. Slough immediately resigned his command, went to Washington, and was MADE A BRIGADIER-GENERAL.

When, on the day after the battle, we went to bury our fallen comrades, we found the dead of both sides entirely stripped of clothing, and we discovered evident signs that some of the wounded

HAD BEEN BRUTALLY MURDERED. Such inhuman acts were not committed by either of the contending parties, but the Indians in that vicinity must have been perpetrators of these deeds.

The breaking up of the Texan forces at Glorieta was of immense value to the Union. Mountain country might have fallen into right. the hands of the rebels, the Pacific Coast would have been gained, an uprising in California in favor of secession, or a Pacific Republic, would have been the result, and one-third of the area of the United States

April 5 the command started southward again from Fort Union, and on the 6th our company reached Las Vegas. April 9 we marched to Koslosky's Ranch, and the next morning found eight inches of snow on the ground. The enemy now numbered 2,000. They had left Santa Fe and were retreating.

April 13 we marched 30 miles without water, some of our horses dropping dead On the 21st of February the enemy had buckshots in the leg and some buckshots in under the hot sun. We found water at passed up the Rio Grande River on the east | the ankle; Lieut. Marshall, also of our com- | Campbell's Pass, and marched 10 miles beyond, where we joined Canby. Our force now consisted of 2,200 men, including 250 On the evening of March 27 the entire cavalry and 13 pieces of artillery. The enemy was then at Albuquerque.

April 14 we marched six miles down the pass to the Valley of the Rio Grande, and ers and three 12-pound howitzers), and as trail to attack the enemy in the rear, leaving going 18 miles farther established our camp the enemy came in sight on the 22d, Col. a force of only about 600 men to follow the one mile from Peralta, having captured all Roberts crossed to the east side and drove main road. At 9:30 we reached Pigeon's the enemy's pickets that were near us. No



between our camp and Peralta made so much | and were 300 miles from Fort Union, our

BATTLE OF PERALTA. At last the enemy, by moving a battery, aroused the astonished enemy in the morn- got our saddles over and swam our horses. Maj. Lockridge, with his hand on one of made it warm for us, and as their numbers ing, and "to arms" was sounded by both The whole of our company was over by mid-

100 yards; then, lying flat on the ground, across, without water. After a few days we We had two 12-pound howitzers, under the fight commenced. The lead mules were returned to camp below Fort Craig. settlements and they had no stores, they timber. Three hundred brave Texans tween the wall and the wagons ran a broad the 26th of July Camby ordered back all but

Then we charged with a will. George the train for cartridges, said that at least | think this is a trap"; but he went bravely exception of our troop, it was of the utmost | clearing our battery took another position, | us. He skulked back, claiming he had spillimportance to reach Fort Union before the but the battle was over and only a few shots ed his cartridges. As we reached the wagons 11 Texans behind them and two back of the



BEHIND THE BARRICADES.

wall raised a dirty white rag and surrendered. The others escaped toward Peralta, except two who ran in a different direction. Ruyle, Elevick and I pursued these two, calling on them to surrender. At last Ruyle shot one; the other ran a few yards farther and then surrendered. While chasing them we received a volley from those running direct to Peralta.

We asked our lone prisoner why he did been told by their officers that

ONERS.

Peralta, and we were ordered to hurry up

and get back to our command. While the line of battle was being formed our company was stationed behind the battery, a position which none of the boys seemed to like, as, while sitting on our horses, we could see the cannon-balls leave the | ought to be well known that volunteers do enemy's guns and come straight to us. Soon, however, the infantry was placed in position, and then the cavalry was formed on the

but it was full of a tive Mexicans, the in the minds of the Eastern sentimentalists. the cavalry prepared to charge, and two companies of skirmishers advanced under command of a Major of the 1st Colo., but a fusilade from the enemy caused the Major to cry, "Rally round the Chief." About onehalf of the skirmishers rallied, with only one tree to protect them. Seeing this manuver, it is reported that Lieut. Kerber, of Co. I, called out: "Lie down, Co. I; what for you flock together just like one wild

The cavalry was still waiting for the order to charge. About midway between our position and the enemy's battery was an acequia about 10 or 12 feet wide, and some of the boys remarked that our poor stock would find their last ditch when trying to clear it. The charge was never made, as the enemy made a break for the Rio Grande. We fired a few shots while they were crossing. Our total loss was two men killed by a solid shot. It was decided not to capture the enemy, as we had no rations for them.

April 16 we went into Peralta, and thence acted as an escort to the enemy; we going down on the east bank of the Rio Grande and they on the west side. At one point they ran a howitzer down to the bank of ped our hats to them, and they withdrew the piece without firing.

April 20 we crossed the Rio Grande and next day reached the Socorro, where a great number of the enemy surrendered. The number of the retreating enemy did not exceed 700, with only a few wagons, and the few horses they had left they had to pull along by the bridles.

April 22 we camped at Fort Craig and visited the battleground of Valverde. April 23 we moved camp to below Fort Craig, and asked Canby to let us attack the enemy, but he refused. We were then on short rations. May 3 we had nothing but weak coffee, having eaten up our

LESS THAN HALF BATIONS,

May 22 call to arms was sounded. Eightyseven Texan cavalry were trying to take Craig, some of the 1st Colo, swam over with a rope, and a ferry was established with an April 15, 1862, a reveille by our buglers old log canoe. The river was high, but we turn with the dugout, but the rope caught | They halted for roll-call, and for each name 10 men to hold the horses, and ran forward | ney of Death), through a valley 90 miles

went north rejoicing, with no opposition, charged down the road toward our can- acequia. We ran forward until within 50 or four companies of the 5th U. S. Inf. and

ing left in command.

Our Colonel (Chivington) then went to where he obtained an order to change all the Colorado troops into cavalry, and to take them to the States to more active serv-

July 31, at San Diego Crossing, 25 miles above Mesilla, the loads of the wagons were transferred to the opposite side of the river, all the work being done by the infantry. The Regulars went below for garrison duty. and our company returned with the train. Aug. 12 we got back to Fort Craig, when the Surgeon reported every man afflicted

wagons loaded with sick men, left for Fort Union, and on the 24th we took the mountain road; water was scarce, and there was much suffering until we reached the Pecos River.

Nov. 12 orders came for our regiment to GO TO THE STATES,

but when we reached Bent's Old Fort orders came to proceed to Denver, the whole regiment to be made cavalry.

For some time before December, 1864, the Indians in Colorado had been committing depredations, murdering defenseless men, women and children. It was necessary to check their barbarous career, and it was but their atrocities. Among others, John Snyder, a blacksmith at Fort Lyon, while returning to the fort from Denver with his wife, was brutally murdered and his wife was led off into captivity. Two more men who accompanied them were also murdered. BATTLE OF SAND CREEK.

unteers composed of about 600 men, and took not surrender when we called on him to do the three companies of the 1st Colo. Cav. so. He said that he and his comrades had stationed at the Fort. Our company was of the number. We marched all night, sur-THE "PIKE'S PEAKERS" TOOK NO PRIS- prised the Indians on Big Sandy and sur-

Just before the battle commenced Col. We allowed him to take from his dead com- | Chivington said: "Remember, and do your rade whatever he wished. Nearly all the duty. Remember your slaughtered women Texans had knives made of files about a foot | and children. I expect you to do your duty." Geo. Pierce, of our company, was the first man killed. The Indians fought desperately, A force of cavalry was now advancing from but for once we had the advantage of numbers; all the red devils were slaughtered, only three boys surviving. Our loss was about 20 killed and wounded. The number of Indians killed was about 500.

Col. Chivington was censured, and fanatics even said that the Indians were friendly or were killed after being taken prisoners. It not take prisoners when fighting Indians. No Indians were tortured, and only one act of mutilation was committed by a scout, and that was condemned by every man of the command. But all were scalped. I do not pretend We could have easily lemolished the town, to palliate the seeming cruelty of this battle Catholic church being crowded. At last But I appeal to the sympathy of any man who has lived on the frontier, where his life,



roperty, and those nearest and dearest to im have been exposed to the outrages of these murderous fiends. There is a time when "patience ceases to be a virtue" and when outraged justice calls for retribution. solidated, and the three senior Sergeants were mustered out. I was the senior Ser-The New Mexico Legislature thanked the

geant of all, and accepted my discharge. the river, but our cavalry advanced, we tip- | California troops for driving the enemy out of New Mexico. The California troops deserve great credit for their march overland; but they did not come into New Mexico until July, 1862, after all our hard fighting was over. The honor of breaking up the rebel force in New Mexico undoubtedly belongs to the Colorado volunteers and the Legislature of Colorado passed resolutions to that effect.

THE PHANTOM REGIMENT. BY LEVI F. BAUDER, 7TH OHIO.

In the mellowing days of September, When the hours never long seem nor weary, And the grapes are aglow like an embe In a grove whose broke branches had wrestled With the merciless winds and the snow, The white tents of a regiment nestled Like ermines who dreamed of no foe.

Where the white caverned rocks are reflected On the swell of the long curving billow, Near where Perry's dead heroes, neglected, Lie nameless beneath a gaunt willow, I dreamed of our dead and forgotten, Marked Unknown on the tablets of Fame, And a long line of heroes filed past me, Who for us gave a life and a name, With measured tread to beat of drum, A ghostly column strode.

Along a dustless road; And I seemed to see as they passed me by Full many a well-known face,

Each marching along as in days of yore,

In rigid ranks with arms aslant,

With the grace of youth; but each face was pale, And furrowed by lines of pain; Though lost to fame they proudly marched As though they had fought not in vain. A ready HERE! was said; I listened with awe, for the Sergeants there Were calling the roll of our dead.

"All present or accounted for; A detail is still on earth To guard our flags, to mark our graves, To let men know our worth. I awakened, startled, from my sleep, And called my comrades near— Our regiment, boys, is with the dead, 'Tis the rear-guard only here."

Comrades, we are growing older, And our fires are burning low, And the hearts of men seem colder Than they were short years ago. Where once danced the dimpling crinkles When we laughed our cares away, Now are graved the rigid wrinkles Over beards just tinged with gray.

Comrades, we are growing fewer 'Round each yearly campfire met; Some we miss than whom none truer Faced the lead and bayonet.
Some are at the outpost falling,
Guarding home and child and wife,
Answering to the Master's calling

Service Under the Shadow of the Hangman's Noose.

CLOSE SHAVE.

Aug. 16 Co. A and our company, with 10 | Haunting the Telegraph Office for News.

MARYLAND TROOPS

Real News at Last to Send

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It is not possible to describe my sensations while I sat there in the barber's chair and was so startled by the apparition of the just that they should be well punished for Manassas Station Agent that appeared through the looking-glass. Of course he must have learned of my attempted escape puzzled still more. A glance at the hotel to Washington, and the subsequent chase register showed not only the name of the through the woods the following night. He, Superintendent at Manassas, but also that of in common with all the rest of the officials another well-known railroad man who had Dec. 6, 1864, Col. Chivington arrived at telegraph offices at Manassas, would, upon all the time when I was up there. Without



learning of my attempt to get away, recall all that I had been doing about the telegraph office during those few days, and care- that his quota of the detachment of refugees ful examination into my past history would that he had been gathering up would be

discover my true character. While talking to my barber about his turn, this gentleman stood right behind my chair. He looked in the glass while talking, strokbarber, as he had just come from the front. My face was entirely covered with lather, and while the barber stood with his razor suspended over my head as he talked to the customer, I am sure my face must have first turned white as the lather.

When I spied this gentleman, if I had not been already lying down, I am afraid that I should have suddenly collapsed, or have attempted to run off. As it was, being so muffled up in towels and so completely masked by lather, and fastened as it were in the stocks by mere fright, I was prevented from making any exhibition of myself, and Jan. 19, 1865, the 1st and 2d Colo. con- lay there for the time being as helpless as a wounded soldier on an amputating bench.

He was so much interested at the appearance of his own face, as he saw it in the glass over my head, that he did not closely scrutinize me. It was something of a relief to my suppressed emotions when after a long, admiring stare at himself, he at last turned away to sit down and wait his turn. I breathed a little freer and gave such a great sigh of relief that the barber looked down Regulars, under Cols. Slough and Chiving- | with something of an expression of wonder ton, at Apache Canyon and Glorieta, and the in his black face. I recovered myself, however, and began to plan to get out of the shop as quietly and as quiekly as possible. I saw at once that it would not do to get out of the chair, which had concealed me so well,



AT THE BULLETIN BOARD.

until this dangerous apparition should be with the understanding that I was to be paid shrouded himself in a napkin. He must a large bounty for enlistment in their comnot follow me in the chair I was occupying, pany, and that part of this money was to be as that would probably put us face to face. To prevent this I told the barber that I had been suffering with a toothache, and if he would give me a careful and slow shave and wash, that I would allow him double pay. This was a successful and cheap way of

GETTING OUT OF SO GREAT A PICKLE. I had the satisfaction of seeing Mr. Super- I decided very quickly that I must leave for intendent invited into a chair a little ways | home.

no sooner got safely tucked in, than I rather abruptly told my man, "That will do; I will go now."

The suddenness and celerity with which I crawled out of that chair and hauled on my coat and sneaked out of the door, must have surprised that barber, and if he had seen me



INTERVIEWING THE LOUISIANIANS.

into the hotel office, he would have been with whom I had been in contact about the been about the station at Manassas nearly asking any questions, I stalked straight to my room, with a determination to gather up any valuables that had accumulated during this sick time, and to put as much distance at once between myself and the ghosts I had just encountered as was possible. I did not have the remotest idea at that time as to where I should go; my only desire was to get away from Richmond and out of Virginia as quickly as possible.

I was homesick. There is nothing that will make a man or a boy so awfully homesick when away from home, and realizing that you cannot get there, as to meet with

some such "unpleasantness" as this. When I reached my room I found my two clever Maryland refugees there.

Probably my manner and appearance still showed some signs of my agitation, as they both immediately became interested in me. The Colonel said, laughingly:

"Hello, boy! What have you been up to?" Fortunately for me, they both attributed my apparent embarrassment to a trifling

matter, and did not pursue it further. Elkton, the elder and more staid member of the "refugee" firm, told me with great glee and pleasure that he had received an assurance from the rebel War Department specially provided for as part of a Maryland battery of light artillery which was then organizing. He would be the first Lieutenant of this company, and as such would, of course, see that his own boys were well ing his face, which needed the attention of a taken care of. It was further explained that his quota would be permitted to form a detachment of itself, or at least it would be so arranged that one section of this proposed



SALUTING JEFF DAVIS. and the Colonel had counted anon when they left their comfortable Marvland homes to join the forces of the rebels. Elkton probably expected to be at least a Colonel: and the Colonel himself evidently considered himself entitled to at least a Lieutenant-Coloneley in the Confederate army. They might have attained these positions if they could have furnished sufficient recruits themselves to have filled out a regiment. As it was, they were sorely disappointed in not finding the rush of refugees from Maryland which they had expected, and they were obliged to be satisfied with the best they could get, which was a Lieutenancy for

Elkton and A SERGE TOY FOR THE COLONEL. In all these talks and plans, it had been calculated by both of these gentlemen that I should, as a matter of course, join their detachment. I never intended to do this, however, but in order to further my purpose, I had allowed them to think that I would go

with them. Both these gentlemen had been very kind to me during my sickness, and when it is remembered that I was away from home, not only a stranger in a strange land, but an enemy in an enemy's country, it will be understood that I felt embarrassed by my relations with them. They had, of course, the motive in view of securing a recruit, but they had also secured my boarding for weeks, used to defray that and other expenses that

I had incurred in Richmond. My purpose was to stave off as long as possible this proposed scheme, and I intended to get away from them and go back

So the time was approaching when I must enlist or leave, and as I had that day so narrowly escaped detection in the barber shop,

over from where I was located, and he had In preparing myself for this attempt at